

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A superabsorbent composition comprising:

an underneutralized superabsorbent polymer in which at least about ~~30%~~ 50% of the functional groups of the polymer are in free acid form and less than about ~~70%~~ 50% of the functional groups of the polymer are sodium neutralized; and

a layered double hydroxide anionic clay;

wherein the underneutralized superabsorbent polymer and the layered double hydroxide anionic clay are present in a ratio ranging from about 1:1 to about 1:20.

Claim 2 (original): The composition of claim 1 wherein the underneutralized superabsorbent polymer has a pH ranging from about 4.5 to about 6.0.

Claim 3 (canceled)

Claim 4 (canceled)

Claim 5 (canceled)

Claim 6 (original): The composition of claim 1 wherein the layered double hydroxide anionic clay is hydrotalcite.

Claim 7 (original): The composition of claim 6 wherein the hydrotalcite is rehydrated.

Claim 8 (canceled)

Claim 9 (original): The composition of claim 1 wherein the underneutralized

superabsorbent polymer and the layered double hydroxide anionic clay are present in a ratio ranging from about 1:1 to about 1:10.

Claim 10 (currently amended): An absorbent article comprising:

- a liquid pervious top sheet;
- a liquid impervious backsheet joined to said topsheet;
- an absorbent core positioned between said topsheet and said backsheet;
- said absorbent core including fluff pulp and a superabsorbent composition;
- said superabsorbent composition comprising an underneutralized superabsorbent polymer and a layered double hydroxide anionic clay;

- wherein at least about ~~30%~~ 50% of the functional groups of the underneutralized superabsorbent polymer are in free acid form and less than about ~~70%~~ 50% of the functional groups of the polymer are sodium neutralized; and

- wherein the underneutralized superabsorbent polymer and the layered double hydroxide anionic clay are present in a ratio ranging from about 1:1 to about 1:20.

Claim 11 (original): The absorbent article of claim 10 wherein the superabsorbent composition is present in an amount ranging from about 0.2 gram to about 0.8 grams per gram of fluff pulp in the absorbent core.

Claim 12 (previously presented): The absorbent article of claim 10 wherein the superabsorbent composition is present in an amount ranging from about 3 gram to about 10 grams per gram of fluff pulp in the absorbent core.

Claim 13 (original): The composition of claim 10 wherein the underneutralized superabsorbent polymer has a pH ranging from about 4.5 to about 6.0.

Claim 14 (canceled)

Claim 15 (canceled)

Claim 16 (canceled)

Claim 17 (original): The composition of claim 10 wherein the layered double hydroxide anionic clay is hydrotalcite.

Claim 18 (original): The composition of claim 17 wherein the hydrotalcite is rehydrated.

Claim 19 (canceled)

Claim 20 (original): The composition of claim 10 wherein the underneutralized superabsorbent polymer and the layered double hydroxide anionic clay are present in a ratio ranging from about 1:1 to about 1:10.

Claim 21 (canceled)

Claim 22 (previously presented): The composition of claim 1 wherein at least about 60% of the functional groups of the underneutralized superabsorbent polymer are in free acid form and less than about 40% of the functional groups of the polymer are sodium neutralized.

Claim 23 (canceled)

Claim 24 (previously presented): The absorbent article of claim 10 wherein at least about 60% of the functional groups of the underneutralized superabsorbent polymer are in free acid form and less than about 40% of the functional groups of the polymer are sodium neutralized.